

Church of St. John
Hartford, Conn.
Congregation

Book I
Church
Book of
Registry
1836
to
1857

1857

~~Christian~~ Copy of the Organization of the
Church of Jesus Christ at Ghent, Ky.

Ghent Gallatin Cty. Ky.

May 17th 1836

We the under-signed having previously
given ourselves to the Lord; do hereby
agree to give ourselves to one another
according to his word, to live together
as the church of Jesus Christ laying down
all creeds & confusions of faith and
taking the word of God the Holy Scriptures
as the rule and guide of our faith
and practice.

Names of members.

Carter T. Johnston
Margaret Johnston

Eli Chin
Elizabeth Chin

Jesse Lindsay
Doshia Lindsay
Lucannah Lindsay

Lucinda Smith
Isaiah Craig
Nancy Craig

Alexander Thompson
Sam'l Thompson
Elizabeth Murphery

Names of members -

Thompson Blanton
Emmeley Craig

John A. Lindsay
Alcy Ann Lindsay

William Davis
Rody Davis

Copied by Jesse E. Tard
Ghent Ky. May 5-1936.

This is a copy of the
original manuscript
now in possession of
Mrs. Margaret Lindsay Storey,
grand daughter of the
above -

Jesse & Doshia Lindsay -
Jesse Lindsay was one of
the original elders of the church.

Copy of the original
minutes of the meeting to
organize the Church of Jesus
Christ - in Hunt Ky.

May 17th 1936

Book - I

Church Book or Registry of
the Christian Congregation in Ghent

At a meeting of the Christian Church in Kent 14,
the 4th Saturday in April 1840 the under signed
was chosen Clerk he was presented with this book
and requested to transcribe the Constitution of the
Church with the then names, as the former record
was kept on scraps of paper so that nothing could be
known as to day and date of the reception, dismissal
or exclusion of members, ^{in the interval} between 1836 and 1840
Consequently he is under the necessity of appending
the names up to this date without reference to
the date of their reception J. J. Sunday

The Christian Church at Great Bay
Was Constituted the 19th day of May in
the Year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and Thirty Six by Eld John Roberts
The whose names are hereunto subscribed
do gave our selves in a holy Covenant to
each other and to the Lord to keep
the Ordinances of the house of God
taking the Holy Scriptures as our only
rule of faith and practice

Names

Isaac Ramey { Elders deputed by Letter
Simeon Lindsay {

John Knox { deacons deputed by Letter
Daniel Gardner { deputed by Letter

Isaac B. Sandy

Joshua Smithson

Susannah Gardner { deputed by Letter

Names Continued

Dosha Lindsay

Suenda Smith, dismissed by letter Jan 1856

Jane Berry + dismissed by letter " 1856

William Davis, Gone out from

Henry Ramey amongst us - Excluded

Patsy Ramey Deceased

Molly Ann Ramey dismissed by letter

Elizabeth Ramey " by letter

John Sanders, Deceased

Sarah Sanders,

Eliza Harris +

Polly Ramey Junr. +

John E. Stevenson

Marth Stevenson } by letter March 14th 1855

Mary Spicer

Matilda Spicer

Mary Nighswonger An

Francis Nighswonger

Mary Nighswonger Junr dismissed by letter
Jan 20th 1855 - moved
to Liberty, Ill.

1844

Manner continued

John M. Gardner,

William Thompson, dead

Sarah Thompson, +

Elizabeth Dinwoodie, +

William Harris

Hugh M. Harris

Sarah H. H. H. H.

David & Edwin, Excluded

Robert Ellis

Mary Ellis

Sally McLean

Jane McLean

Sally Thompson +

Miss Thompson +

George Sharley +

Polly Sharley +

Sarah Rowley, 1

Lydia Lindsay

Polly Ramey, Sus

Nancy Owen

Received

Dismissed
by letter

Excluded

Deaths

1

1

1

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1

1

1844

1

1

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1

Date of membership

1845

Names Continued

(with dates of membership)

Excluded

May 26 Diana Bledsoe +

Joel Ellis & Defamed by

Jane Ellis & Letter

June 4 Abraham Bledsoe

Julia Ellis

Sydia Blanton

Deceased

Mary Masan def. by letter

~~Thompson~~

Miss Susan Paris +

Charles M. Dunwoode +

Joel Bledsoe

22 Washington Graham

22 Frank Bledsoe

Deceased

56

July 27 R. H. D. Smith +

never attends

excluded

" " Jesse Hilt +

" " John Watters +

" " Catharine Watters +

" " Mrs. Rachel Bledsoe +

- John Beard

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William Haregson
Margaret Haregson
David Ellis
Alexander Bell
Isaac Ramsey
drowned by letter

Andrew Scantland
Elizabeth Scantland

Harrett Reed
Alfred Reed
John Beard Restord

A Bell

Roscoe Steward
Mrs Steward

Maryann Bodoinet
James H Lindsay
Elizabeth Lindsay

Lucy Bridges now Stigers
Eliza Bridges moved off
Naoma Jacobs x

Oct Reuben Craig dismissed by Letter
1849 Mary Jane Craig " " " Aug 17 1849
Nov 2 ~~Wm H Bourne~~ Excluded

1849 Juliann Bourne

1849 Nancy Jane Jacobs +
~~Edw Smith~~ x

Polly Ann Mann

Priscilla Tandy

Marine Briscoe + dismissed

Mooses Stevans x Excluded

Allen Jacobs + moved off

Mary Owen

Priscilla Lindsay

John J Martin expelled Oct 26th 1846
James Jackson

Elijah Grayham dismissed by Letter
 Mary Grayham " "
 Julia Wright +
 George Cooper } dismissed by Letter
 Elizabeth Cooper } Sept 12th 1852

1852

6217 Hubble Foster } by Letter
 " " Miss Catherine Foster }
 " " Jas. S. Frank } by Letter dismissed by Letter
 " " W. B. Fossie } Dec 26th 1858
 " " Leticia Fossie
 " " Ann M. Fossie
 " " Mary Fossie dismissed by Letter May 1859
 " " ~~Maria~~ Fossie x
 20 Mrs Anna Stewart
 21 William Adams + Excluded
 " Mrs Margaret Adams x
 26 Labourn Bledsoe deceased
 " Miss M. Rollins dismissed by Letter
 " Mrs Elizabeth Graham } dismissed by Letter
 10 - 34 } Nov 29 1853

Miss Emma Robinson by Letter ^{by Letter} dismissed

E. T. Fisher by Confession ^{dismissed by Letter}

William McClure

Zantappa McClure by Letter

Sarah Grimes by Letter ^{dismissed by Letter}

Nov 20 Isaac Hardie

Mary Hardie by Confession

Hugh G. Smith by Letter ^{dismissed June 1856}

Mrs R. A. Jones

Larkin F. Sanders

Mrs Eliza Bridges

Miss Josephine Ellis by Letter

E. Still Duford

Lorena Sanders

Josephine Lindsay

Aug 1856 Elizabeth Bledsoe dismissed by Letter

Mrs Hannah A. Martin

Miss E. Martin dismissed by Letter

" M. E. Stewart dismissed by Letter No 1858

Samuel Forsee

Joseph Bridges

19. excluded

Samuel Bledsoe

Nicholas Forsee ^{died by Letter}
Ex killed 1856 Return

Sidney Bledsoe ^{died by Letter} Oct 1858

Mrs Blanton

Dead

Mrs Ellis

David Bridger

Richard Martin

Benj^r H Steward departed this life

John A Stewart ^{died by Letter}

John Green

Excluded

Miss Serilda Rollins ^{died by Letter}

Jane Owens

Addy Kyle

30 Mrs Baum

Miss Emily McIntosh (Hill) Mrs Chas Duncan

J. J. Franklin ^{died by Letter}

Sarah B. Franklin ^{by Letter} by Letter

1854 Nancy Means

Mary Foster

At a meeting of the Christain Congregation
at Ghent Ky the meeting being
called to order by Bro J. Lindray Elder
Bro Reubin Craig was unanimously Chosen
Elder to act in conjunction with Bro
Lindson Bro J B Sandy was Chosen Clerk
There being no further business the meeting
was dismissed.

Saturday

April 1852

The Church met for Church
purposes it was reported that Brother
D S Owens had been guilty of intoxication
& Bro Brown had been guilty of similar
offence & also profane swearing where
upon the Church appointed Bro Scudder
J. R. Craig as Committee to see the offend-
ing Brothers and report on Satur-
day the 10th Inst at which time there
being no Elder present the meeting
adjourned to meet Saturday 24 Inst 3 o'clock

Saturday 3 o'clk April 24th 1852

The Church met pursuant to adjournment
Bro Lindsay being absent Bro Spicer was
called to preside over the meeting
Bro A. M. Seantlin appointed to see the
offending Brother reported that he had
seen Bro. Owen & Bro Bourn who
acknowledged the sin they were charged
with Brother Owen acknowledged he
had sworn & had been drunk & was
very sorry for it but would not
come to the Church and make ack-
nowledgment that he did not wish to be
tried by the devil The members
was of unanimous opinion that Bro
Owen & Bro Bourn should not be
retained as members so they stand
excluded from this congregation

The Bourn refused to attend
the meeting

Brother B K Smith of Ind was
employed by the Church as their evangelist
commencing his Labours on Saturday before
the 3rd Lords day July 1852 to continue each
Month at \$10. a trip until Circumstances
may require a Change.

Grant - Oct 17th 1852 Third Lords
day Brother B K Smith delivered a
discourse on Spiritual influence at
the Close Bro Hubble Foster & daughter
from Burlington Boone County Ky
presented them selves for membership
and was received
Sunday night; Bro J. S. Grant presented a
Letter from the Church at Warsaw and was
received into the fellowship of the Brethren also
Bro W^m B Foster wife and three daughters
from the Church in Hoggins Neighbourhood
presented them selves for membership and
was received in full fellowship

= during the Continuance of the meeting
William Adams & Wife Came forward
made the Good Confession was Immersed
and added to the Church Mrs
Steward was reclaimed

Oct 16 Miss M. Rollins & Laborn Bledsoe

Made Confession and was Immersed and added
to the Church. Mrs Elizabeth Graham presented
a Letter from the Baptist ^{Church} at Emmaus Germ. Co.,
and was received as a member of the Christ
Church. The Meeting Closed Oct 26 1852 having
been Continued 11 days - (J B Tandy Clk)

November & December meeting not reported
Jan 15th 1853 -

Bro W H Smith commenced a
meeting being his regular Monthly appo-
intment at night Sister Emma Robinson
presented a Letter of Commendation from
Indianapolis Church & was received a member
of this Congregation. Miss E J Fisher
made Confession & was Baptized on Sunday
the 16th and was added to the Church

Monday January the 17th 1853 -

The members of the Church met at 10 o'clock for the purpose of attending to Church business the meeting organized with Bro Lindsay in the (Chair Moderator) after Prayers by Elder Smith the following propositions was submitted and adopted Bro H Foster was unanimously chosen Elder

Bro Jas S Franks was appointed Treasurer
The Elders of the Church were instructed to employ a Sexton

A Subscription was passed round for the purpose of raising funds for Church purposes ~~and~~ and 146 dollars obtained which is expected to be added to -

It was proposed & Carried that the Contribution made on Sunday should be set apart for a fund for the support of destitute members

It was proposed and Carried that whenever a member moves of that the Clerk shall send him a Letter of Dismissal stating his Good or bad Standing

Resolved by the Church that the Elders
be requested to examine the List of Names
on the Church Book & Report the No in Good
Standing whose Names remain on the book
who is not in full Fellowship

It was proposed & Carried that the
Last Thursday in each Year shall be
set apart for the purpose of attending to
the Financial duties of the Church such
as providing the means for the ensuing Year
for Preaching & other Church purposes
And at which time the Elders and
all the Officers of the Church shall make
a report of their Stewardship & disbursements
for the Year ending

The building Community presented the
Report of Cost of improvement of Church
which was Received & Can discharged
There being no farther business after a
discourse from Br Mavity from 17th John
The Meeting Closed till the 3rd Lord's
day & Saturday Night before in Feb
L B Landy CM

April 17 1843

Bro B W Smith attended his regular
appointments February & March

April 19 1833- On ~~Good~~ On Third Lords day in
April being Bro B W Smiths regular
appointment after or at the Close of the Sermon
Bro M McGlore of Spencer Creek Congregation
Montgomery Cty Ky presented a letter and
was received as a member of this Congregation
Sister Zantappa McGowan presented a Letter
from the Christian Church at Mt Sterling Ky
And was received a member of the
Congregation the Meeting Continued

June 19 3rd Lords day
Bro B W Smith being with us at
his regular appointment Sister Sarah
Grimes presented a Letter from Mt Zion
Church Clark Cty Ky & was received in full
fellowship

Bro Smith filling his appointments
regularly on the third Lords day in
each Month

Thirds Lords day Nov 20th 1853

Preaching by Bro Smith, Maack Hardin
& wife Came forward Made Confession
& was Immersed & added to the Church

Bro Hugh G Smith was received by
Letter on Monday 21 Nov Sister ~~Sister~~
Sarah Ennes was dismissed by Letter

Nov 22 Sister R A Jones took Membership
& was Rec'd into the Fellowship of the Church

Nov 23 Bro L F Sanders reclaimed &

Rec'd into Fellowship of the Church

And also 6 others Came forward & Made

Confession John Green 2 Miss Martens & 2

Las Stords ^{Mr Blanton} Sons

Nov 24 four Came

forward & Made Confession Miss Stewart

Miss Lindsay Betty Bladson Miss Estelle

Dufore Nov 25 at night after service by Bro

Smith & Thornbury an invitation was extended
to converts when Eight Came

forward & made Confession by Letter
Bledsoe Jo Bridges Saml Force Dave
Bridges Sidney Bledsoe Mr Ellis
Miss Lorina Sanders Miss Hill
Sunday after preaching & came forward
& by Confession & Reinstated by Rich Martin
& Mrs Eliza Bridges Miss Rolfe & Miss
Rollins at the Banquet Mrs Jo Ellis
by Letter all those Baptized on Saturday
took Memberships Monday 28th Meeting
Continued Jane Owen made Confession
& was Baptized Nov 28 at night
Miss Adaline Kile came forward & made
Confession Nov 29 at night after Preach-
ing by Bro Thornberry Mr Brown came
forward and made Confession
Bro & Graham wife & daughter apply-
ed for Letters which was granted
Dec 17th Bro. Smith Year in

Attendance at his regular appointments
his labours closed for the Year 1863—

Dec 19th 1853 Preaching by Bro B. K. South
at night Miss McIntosh came forward
and made Confession

At a Church Meeting Sunday
July 8th 1853 Miss Lorena Sanders
and Miss Adda Kyle was dismissed
from the fellowship of the Church
L B Gandy Clerk

Six Lords day July 1853
Sister Elizabeth Justis & Annena Rhythe
was Read Members by Letter from Warr
= ans

Fourth Lords day Oct 26th 1856 the Church
excluded John J. Martin for disorderly Conduct
Bro G D Forsee was charged with drunkenness
and betting on the election the case was
laid over untill next meeting

Sunday Nov 2nd 1856 the Church met at the
usual hour the case of Bro G D Forsee came up
on a full investigation he not being present
he was excluded for unchristian Conduct
after attending to the regular services they adjourned
L B Gandy Clerk

List of Names Continued
 David H Salyers dismised by Letter
 Amelia H Salyers " "
 Mary Snyder
 Horton J Foster
 Margaret Foster
 Miss Amanda Smith
 Miss Elizabeth ~~Gutter~~ Jester
 " " America Blythe

July 1856 Geo. N. Almont &
 17 wife

July 20 Mrs Mary W. Craig joined the Baptist
 Dec 1 1856 Martha Bayley by Letter
 Dec 4 William Howard

" " James L. Smith

" " Mary Smith

" " Mrs John Duthard

" " H. A. Landy &

" " Wintha. Becklin

Nov 20 Matt

John H. Ellis =

1857

Feb Martha A Patchet Davis

" Elizabeth Howard =

" Emily McClure

Mr Garrett

Mrs Gamet

Aug 28 Nancy Sanders united

" 31 D & Owen Weston

Sept 2 P & Ellis Weston

" Sally S Dunn by Lettie

John N Higgins & wife

Miss Kitty Tompkins

Mrs Mary A Green

Miss Manerva Green

Mrs S A Blessing

" Caroline Crawford

Mrs Gran Hudson

Adaline Mrs Hill Black Girl —

1858

Feb 1 Elder John Roberts —

George Chamlin departed this life 1858

Jas McIntosh

Mary McIntosh

Manah McIntosh miss Maria Hill

Mary Etta Ellis

Mrs A H Shinn ^{dis} by letter

Isabella Rollins

Eliab Johns

John F Fisher =

John Will Ellis

Jane A Burnaugh

Henry M'Intosh (Henry Hill)

Cornelius Crawford =

Sally belonging to Mrs Jones

Sally " " " Paterson

Louisa ~~Bedd~~ ~~Sherr~~ and add

Miss Smith

" Smith

J F Means =

Shurt Ry

Ed 13 F Franklin Commenced a meeting
here Thursday night August 27th 1857 ~~which~~ &
Closed Sept 3 - which resulted in the follow-
ing addition to Mesiah Kingdom Sally L.
Dunn by Letter & G Owen & Dr P L Ellis Pastors
Nancy Sanders united from the Baptist
John W Hoggis & wife Miss Kitty Jamprine
Mrs Mary A Green Miss Mary Green Mrs S A Blessing
Mrs N B Crawford Mrs G. Hudson & ~~Adeline~~ Black
Girl belonging to Mrs Hill making in all 13
Members the Meeting Closed

Shurt Ry

Ed Rains of Harris Ry
Commenced a meeting here Jan 26th 1858
which is in progress Feb 1 Elder John
Roberts united with the Church by Letter
from the Christian Church at New Marion
Vigley County Ind

at a meeting held by ^{Bro} B F Franklin and
John A Gons Commencing on ~~the~~ Saturday
before the second Lords day in June 1838 and
Closed the 21 of said month Resulted in
the following additions to Messiah Kingdom
Jane A Burnaugh Mariah McIntosh May
E Ellis Mary McIntosh Isabella Rollins
Elyza J Johns Mrs H Shenn John J John
Jas McIntosh Henry McIntosh John W
Ellis Cornelius Crawford Louisa Beecher
Miss Smith Miss Smith Sally
Black Girl of Mrs Jones Sally Black Girl of
Mrs Pattison J F Means

Early — Minutes of Chest Christian Church

According to the foregoing records it is found that the first regular minister employed by the congregation was ⁱⁿ July 1852 Bro. B. H. Smith of Indiana. who was employed at \$10⁰⁰ a trip to begin his labors the ~~3rd~~ ^{3rd} Lord's Day July 1852. to continue ^{here} each month. Bro. B. H. Smith's labors closed for the year Dec. 17-1853.

Bro. Joseph J. Franklin and wife, Sarah G. Franklin, presented letters of commendation June 1854.

Bro. Benj. F. Franklin began a meeting July 19-1854 closing July 25-1854

Bro. Thornbury, a pioneer preacher of this period held revivals for the Chest Church in 1853.

Eld. B. F. Franklin held a meeting a weeks meeting in Aug & Sep. 1857.

Eld. Barnes of Paris Ky. held a meeting Jan. 26 1858

Eld. John Roberts united with the church by letter — Feb. 1st — 1858

Early Ministers of Ghent Christian Church Continued

Elder Germaine was ^{regular} minister in Mar. 1860

Ministers of Ghent Christian Church -

(1870-72) Dr. J. W. Barbee of Columbia Ky -

1870-84 Eld. William Pickerton Sr.

1880-82 Eld. John T. Hawkins

(1883-85) Elder Geo. B. Wagner and part of 1886

1886: From May to Dec. 31st Bro. J. H. Crutcher - Lexington

(1887 to 1890) Bro. Wm. H. Pickerton - Ghent Ky -

(1891-1892) - Bro. J. M. Bailey - Ky -

(1893-1894) Bro. C. C. Brown - Union City Tenn.

(1895-1896) Bro. D. T. Busk - Ky -

1897 - Bro. Lee Cartwright

(1898-1900) - Bro. W. J. Loos - Lexington Ky

(1901-1910) - Bro. J. B. Gager - Sulphur Ky -

(1911-1912) - Bro. Ray H. Montgomery -

(1913-1915) - Bro. Ernest B. Motley - Virginia

1916-1917 - Bro. Keller

1918 - Bro. Stair

(1919-1921) Bro. J. A. Alexander

(22-29) Bro. C. C. Omer - Sturgis Ky -

1930 - Bro. Reed (Isaac)

1931-1932 Bro. Norvel Kearns

1933-1936 - Bro. C. G. Ribble

Ministers Shert Christian Church -

1938-39 Bro. A. V. M^cConnell.

1939-1941 Bro. Ardrey Russell

1942-1943 Bro. William C. Newman Ohio

1944 Bro. Harrywood Gray - Ky